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## **Commissioner for Patents**

This letter is in response to the Order Returning an Undocketed Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed on January 8, 2009. The Order refers to one of the references used to reject the claims, namely, the Nagano reference. An incorrect Patent number was stated for the Nagano reference (PCT/JP00/001903 in the non-final action mailed on 3/18/2008 and the Examiner's Answer mailed on 7/28/2008. The correct Patent Number for the Nagano reference is EP 1 209 571 A1. The Nagano reference that was relied on by the Examiner is an English language reference and a copy of the English language reference was sent to the Appelant on 3/18/2008. In addition, a copy of the English language Nagano reference that the Examiner relied on is part of the record for the instant application.

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